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Pair Pleads in Dodger Stadium Attack

The two men charged with brutally beating Giants fan Bryan Stow following an opening day Dodger game three years ago both pleaded guilty today and were sentenced to prison, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Louie Sanchez, 31, pleaded guilty to one count of mayhem and was sentenced to eight years in state prison by Los Angeles Superior Court Judge George G. Lomeli. Co-defendant Marvin Norwood, 33, pleaded guilty to one count of assault and was sentenced to four years in state prison.

Deputy District Attorneys Michele Hanisee and Frank Santoro of the Major Crimes Division prosecuted the case.

Stow, a Santa Cruz paramedic and San Francisco Giants fan, was leaving Dodger Stadium following the March 31, 2011 opening game when he was attacked from behind by Sanchez. Sanchez knocked the father of two unconscious during an unprovoked attacked in the stadium's parking lot.

Stow, who suffered severe brain trauma, will require skilled long-term care and daily assistance for the rest of his life as a result of the attack.

Witnesses testified that Norwood prevented Stow's friends from helping him.

The case was investigated by Los Angeles Police Department's Robbery-Homicide Division.

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